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SENATOR GREGG VISITS PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY TO ANNOUNCE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR METEOROLOGY PROGRAM

PLYMOUTH, N.H. -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today toured the newly expanded Boyd Hall science building at Plymouth State University and announced \$500,000 in federal funds he has secured for cutting-edge instrumentation and computers for the Plymouth State University meteorology program. Plymouth State is working to get its Ground Observing System established as a recognized weather station by the National Weather Service, similar to the one at Concord Airport. These funds, which Senator Gregg was able to secure through his position as the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, will allow the program to include a more advanced air quality forecast and to hire of an additional faculty member and a technician. Senator Gregg has previously secured three awards totaling \$2.1 million for the meteorology program, including funding for a teaching laboratory, computers, and a weather forecasting system.

Senator Gregg stated, "Through partnerships with the University of New Hampshire, the weather center at Plymouth State University has established itself as a leader weather in forecasting and air quality studies. It is all the more impressive because it is done so in an undergraduate environment. In addition to keeping New Hampshire residents alert to fast-moving inclement weather, like thunderstorms or blizzards, and days when air quality may be poor, this weather center can also specify the type of pollution in the region and its origin. This is truly groundbreaking work. I am pleased to announce the \$500,000 in federal funds for the expansion of the meteorology program and congratulate them on the tremendous work being done by the researchers and students at Plymouth State."

The final renovations at the Boyd Science Center will be dedicated on September 20. Senator Gregg was joined today by Plymouth State Vice President for Institutional Advancement Retha Lindsey Fielding, Professor James Koermer, Director of the Meteorology Program, and Professor Robert Talbot, Director of the University of New Hampshire's Atmospheric Investigations, Regional Modeling, Analysis and Prediction project.

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